

Between the Lines: July 11-25, 2011

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In cooperation with the prestigious International Writing Program (IWP) and Iowa Young Writers Studio (IYWS), ECA's Cultural Programs Division is pleased to announce that the fourth session of Between the Lines (BTL) will take place **July 10-25, 2011**.

Between the Lines brings young aspiring writers from Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East and North Africa to the University of Iowa to spend two weeks honing their creative writing skills along with their American peers. Through a highly competitive application process, the IWP assessment committee will select 12 young writers from Arabic-speaking countries. The students will be accompanied by 2 adult chaperones, also from Arabic-speaking countries, to and from an overseas departure city to be determined.

Writers Eligibility:

- Students must be between the ages of 16 and 19 as of July 10, 2011 and proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing, and speaking).
- All candidates are required to provide writing samples and personal statements in both Arabic and English in order to be considered for the program. Must supply writing samples consisting of 7-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in English as well as 7-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in Arabic.
- Each poem and/or prose piece must be unique; nominees cannot submit the same item(s) in both English and Arabic.
- Must submit a brief one-paragraph statement of purpose, in English, describing why they are interested in participating in the BTL program.
- Demonstrate an interest in and ability to write creatively (fiction and/or poetry)
- Fully engage their imaginations in a variety of class settings
- Confidently work alongside other BTL students in Arabic-language classes as well as American students in English-language classes
- Applications that do not contain these elements will not be considered.

Chaperons Eligibly:

- Chaperones must be between the ages of 25 and 40 as of July 11, 2011 and proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing, and speaking).
- Demonstrate experience working with young people, particularly students in the demographic (secondary school/college undergrad)

- Be able and willing to expand his or her teaching strategies/expertise by attending a week-long Iowa Summer Writing Festival class (presented at the University of Iowa)
- Be willing to assist BTL faculty and IWP staff with projects related to promoting creative writing and the teaching of creative writing in the Middle East
- Aspire to a literary career and/or a teaching career involving creative writing and/or literature
- The chaperones should be able to fully participate in a formal English language program on creative writing teaching methods that will also include American teachers.
- Each chaperone applicant must provide a resume or CV and a brief statement of purpose (both in English) describing what they hope to achieve by attending BTL, as well as how their participation can benefit the program.

Interested Writers Or Chaperon candidates should send their CV's and requested documents to haddadmm@state.gov at the US Embassy Tel Aviv by March 15, 2011

More information about this program can be found here: <http://iwp.uiowa.edu/projects/BTL/index.html>